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United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office

The Governing Council,

Having considered the report of the Administrator on the activities of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office (DP/1991/45),

Recalling that the General Assembly, in its resolution 44/228 of 22 December 1989, included the "protection and management of land resources by, inter alia, combating deforestation, desertification and drought" among the environmental issues of major concern and accorded a high priority to drought and desertification in the goals and objectives of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development,

1. Takes note of the significant progress achieved by the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office through its efforts in contributing to the protection, rehabilitation and management of natural productive resources in the Sudano-Sahelian region;

2. Takes note of the substantive contribution of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office in assisting the countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region in their preparations for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and encourages the Office to continue and intensify its efforts in this area;

3. Takes note of the efforts of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office to work for the harmonization of the efforts made for establishing country-level strategic frameworks for the management of natural resources, in full coordination with the country programming process and in line with General Assembly resolution 44/211 of 22 December 1989;

4. Encourages the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office to assist countries of other regions of Africa subject to drought and desertification in facilitating the exchange of information on experiences gained from the activities of the Office in the Sudano-Sahelian region;

5. Renews its appeal to Governments and organizations to initiate, continue or increase contributions to the general resources of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office as well as to earmarked project activities and to make use of its services;

6. Requests the Administrator to report biennially to the Governing Council on the activities of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office.